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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

IN RE APPLICATION OF:

Fuerst, *et al.*

APPLICATION NO.: 09/769,066

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FOR: HEPATITIS E VIRUS ANTIGENS AND USES
THEREFOR

EXAMINER: Foley, Shanon A.

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Amendment in Response to Office Action

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Commissioner for Patents
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Sir:

In response to the outstanding Office Action dated June 2, 2004 ("Office Action") in the captioned matter, and pursuant to the provisions of 37 C.F.R. § 1.111, Applicants respectfully request entry and consideration of the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the claims are reflected in the listing of claims beginning on page 2.